

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 DAMASC 04377 311429Z
ACTION L-03

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 EB-08 TRSE-00 OMB-01 COME-00
CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 SP-02 /035 W
-----024020 311822Z /41
R 311411Z JUL 78
FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9007

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE DAMASCUS 4377

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ETRN, SY
SUBJ: TAXATION OF INSTRUMENTS OF FOREIGN COMMERCE: SYRIAN PRACTICE

REF: STATE 191803

1. WE WILL BE UNABLE TO SUPPLY AUTHORIATIVE RESPONSE TO
REQUEST IN REFTEL BEFORE AUGUST 2 DEADLINE. FOLLOWING
IS INTERIM REPORT PREPARED ON BASIS INFO GENERATED WITHIN
POST AND WITH A FEW QUICK TELEPHONE CALLS, BUT IT IS
NEITHER COMPREHENSIVE NOR ONE HUNDRED PERCENT RELIABLE.

2. SYRIA DOES NOT RPT NOT TAX SHIPS, AIRCRAFT, OR ROAD
AND RAIL VEHICLES OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES DIRECTLY. SYRIA
DOES IMPOSE TRANSIT FEES, ENTRY FEES, PORT DUTIES, AIRPORT
FEES, ROAD FEES, STAMP DUTIES, AND OTHER CHARGES IN
BEWILDERING COMPLEXITY FOR SUCH INSTRUMENTS OF FOREIGN
COMMERCE ENTERING, TRANSITTING OR DEPARTING SYRIA, BUT
POST DOES NOT BELIEVE THIS CONSTITUTES TAXATION IN
INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED TERMS. MANY OF THESE FEES ARE
WAIVED OR REDUCED FOR SPECIFIC COUNTRIES THROUGH CONCLUSION
OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS.

3. ECONOFF HAS APPOINTMENT FOR CALL ON MINISTER OF
TRANSPORT EARLY AUGUST 3. HOPE TO OBTAIN FORMAL REPLY
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 DAMASC 04377 311429Z

AT THAT TIME.
PELLETREAU

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: INSTRUMENTS, TAXES, IMPORT CONTROLS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 31 jul 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978DAMASC04377
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780313-0503
Format: TEL
From: DAMASCUS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t1978075/aaaaadnl.tel
Line Count: 57
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: c5d7f071-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION L
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 STATE 191803
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1975836
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TAXATION OF INSTRUMENTS OF FOREIGN COMMERCE: SYRIAN PRACTICE
TAGS: ETRN, SY
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/c5d7f071-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014